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Dr. Bernard D. Davis  
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Re: Penicillin ....

Dear Bernie:

Thank you for your note and for your good suggestions on revising our *moitié*.

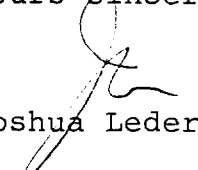
Thank you for querying "While we were preparing an account...." I did not mean to exclude having already mailed it in when Luria visited: I just don't remember; from what you say that would be the most plausible. I do remember that Luria was the key. So my sentence was overly precise. It can be softened, or if you have any better record, made more accurate. It doesn't matter all that much; but we should be precise in any statement *that purports to be "history"*

Do you have any record of when I visited your lab?

The earliest correspondence or other record I have in my file is JBC's rejection, November 5, 1948.

Do you have any record of meeting, corresponding with me prior to that date? Do you recall telling Luria about penicillin? When? Where?

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg

• plus letter to  
Hobby: E. coli wasn't working  
quite as smoothly as Salmonella.

• If you still have old corresp. files in